

In claim 15, line 5 from the end of the claim: change "heterocyclicthio" to --heterocyclic-thio-- ;

REMARKS

Applicants are submitting this amendment concurrently with their Appeal Brief to correct some minor mis-spellings and errors in claim 15 relating to formal matters which were noted during preparation of the Brief.

Applicants have amended their specification to employ the language suggested by the Examiner with respect to the PCT application.

In claim 15, underlining has been inserted which had inadvertently been omitted and certain misspellings corrected. The word "same" has been deleted.

Also the carbon atoms limitation of 14 atoms had been incorrectly copied from the earlier version of 24 atoms in claim 15 in applicants' amendment dated October 21, 1998.

It is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered so that the claims before the Board are free of errors and misspellings.

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